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4-part short series

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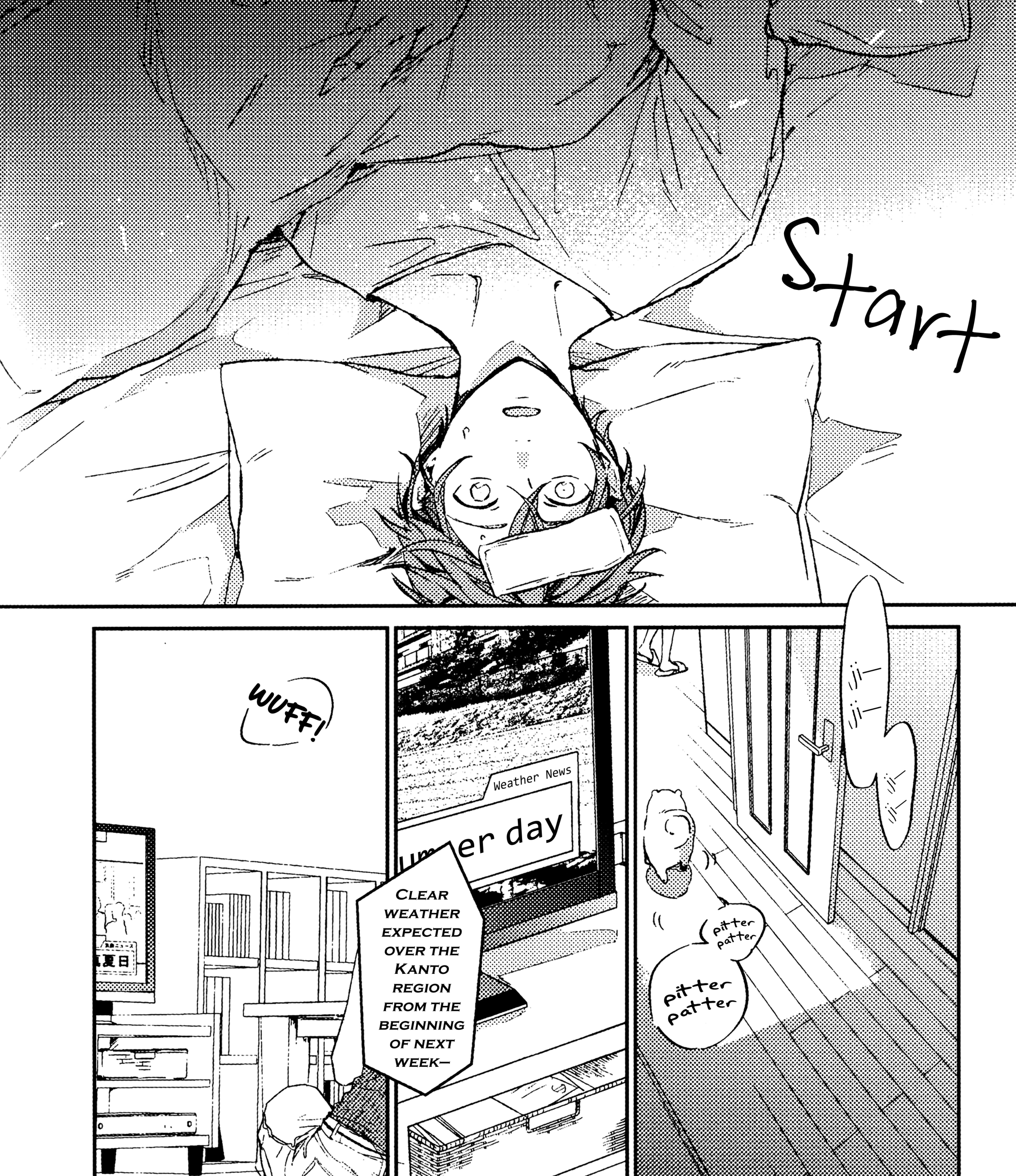
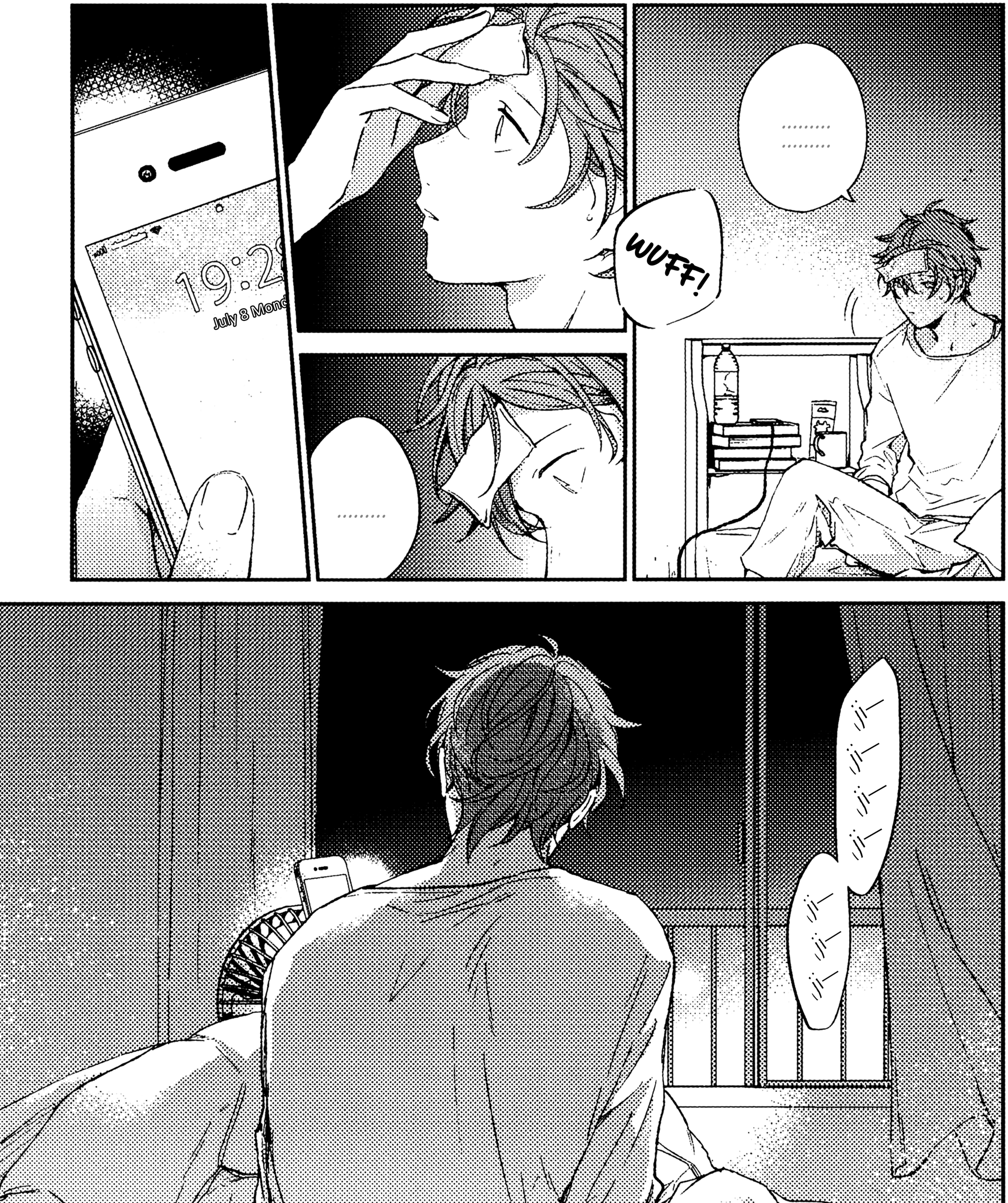

Start
ji— ji—
ji— ji—
pitter patter
pitter patter
Weather News
…mer day
Clear weather expected over the Kanto region from the beginning of next week—
真夏日
WUFF!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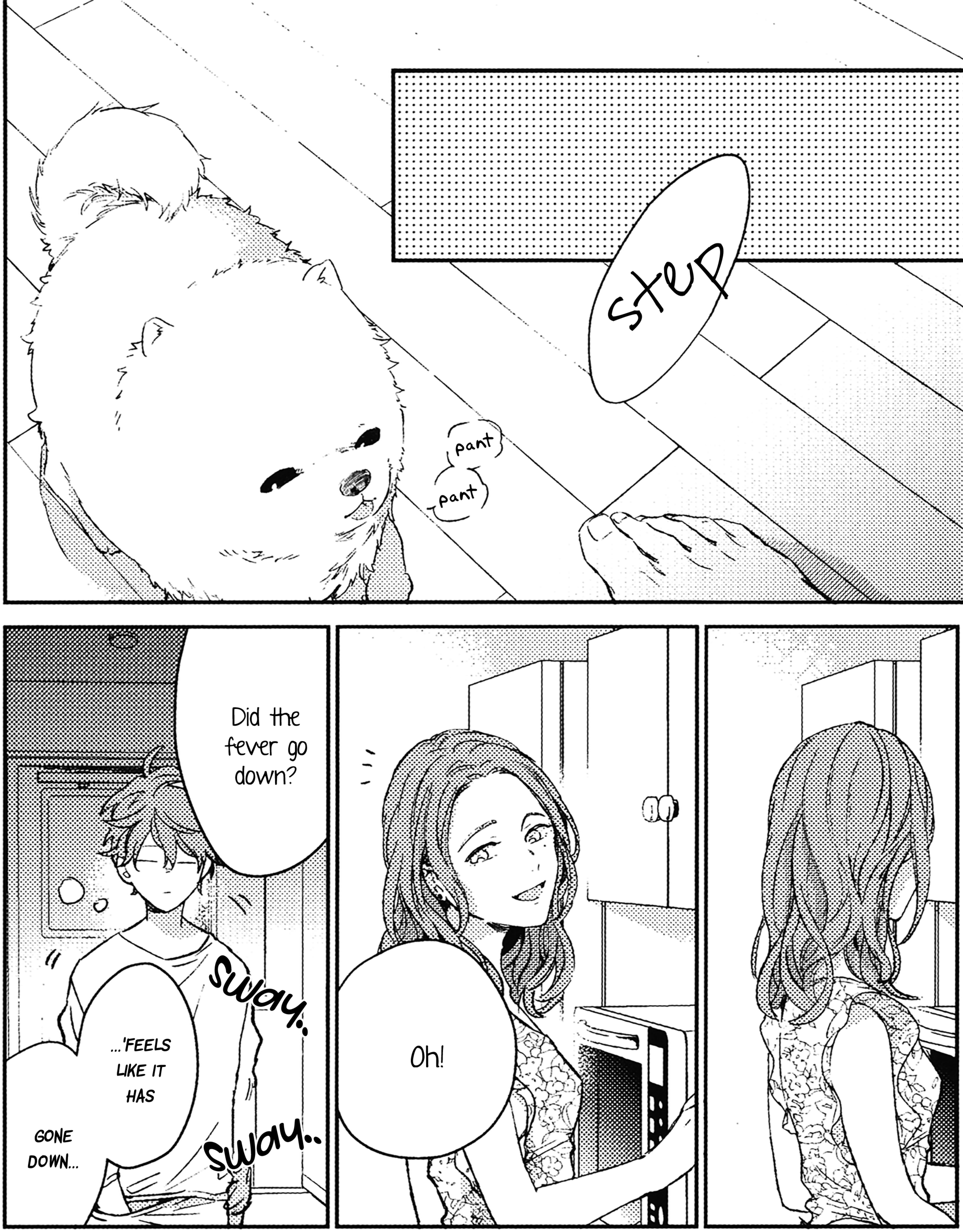
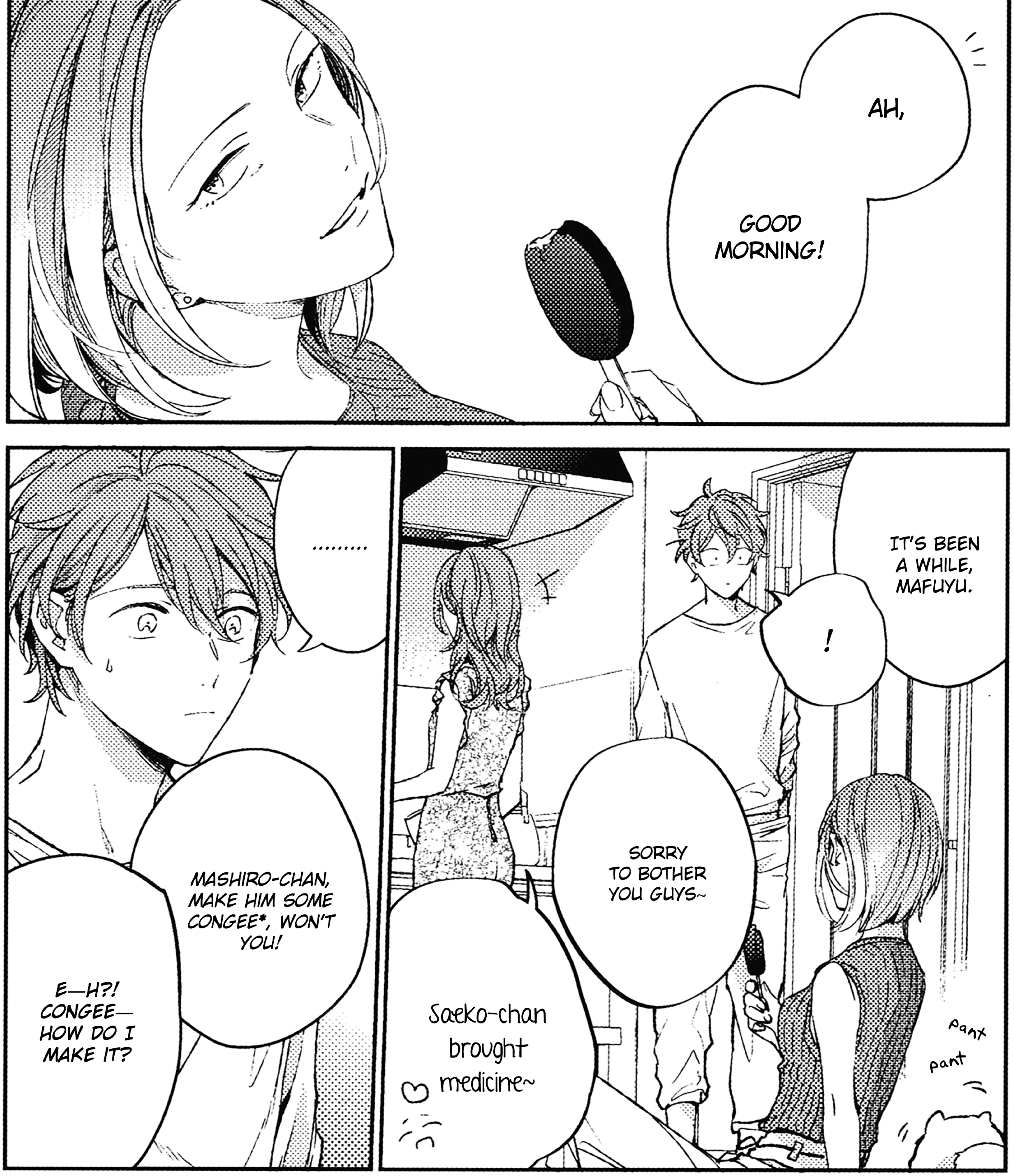
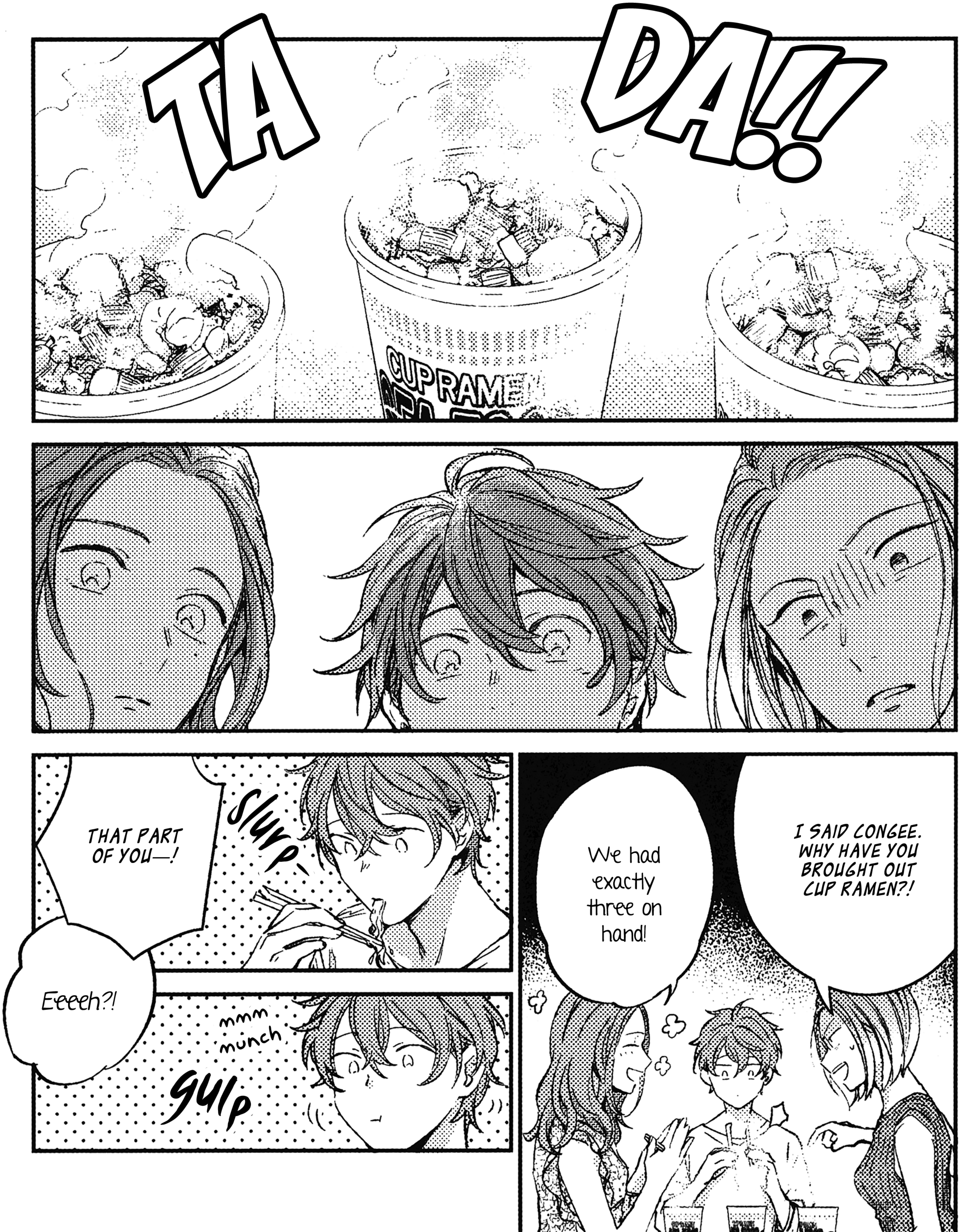
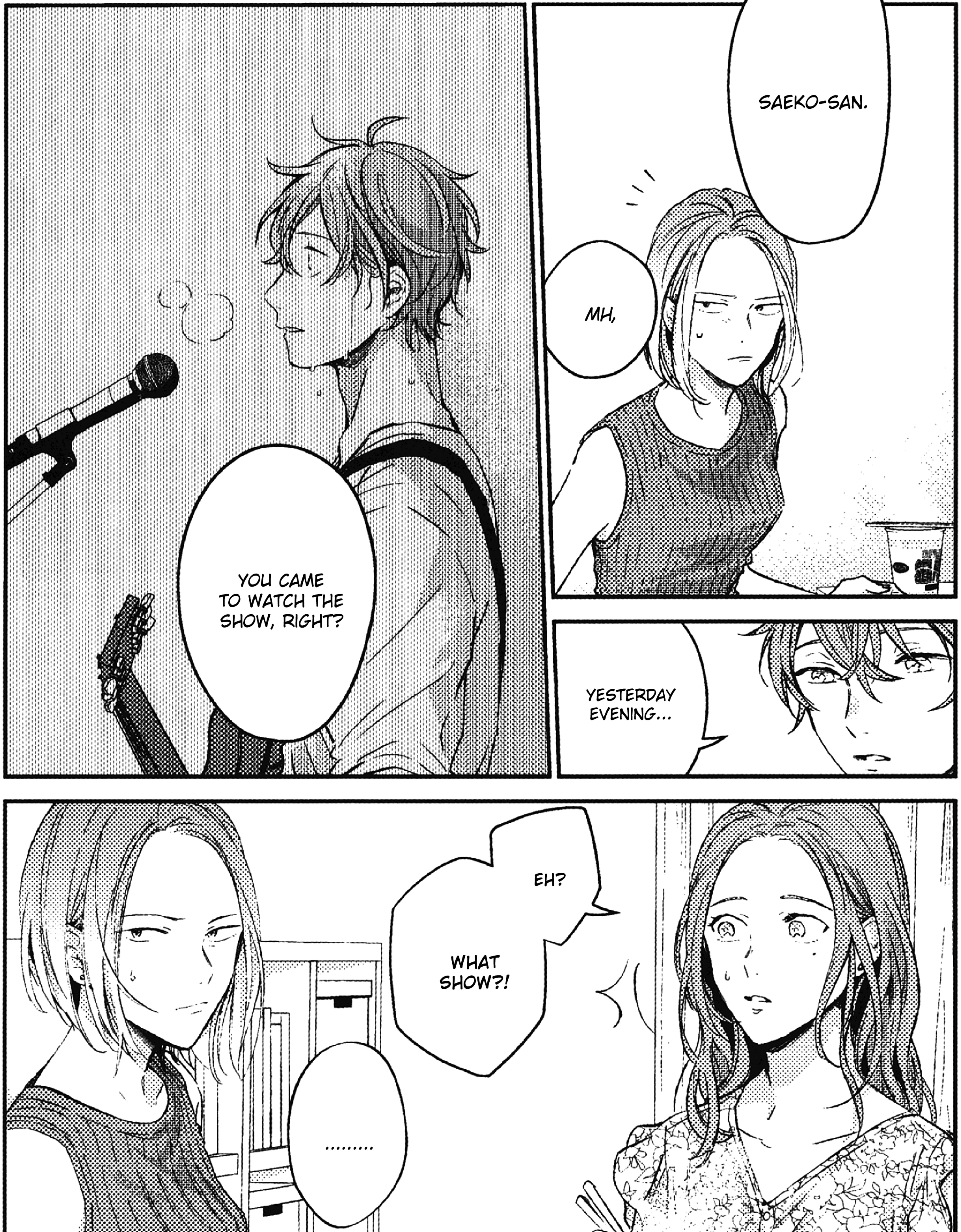
ji— ji— ji— ji—
ji— ji— ji—

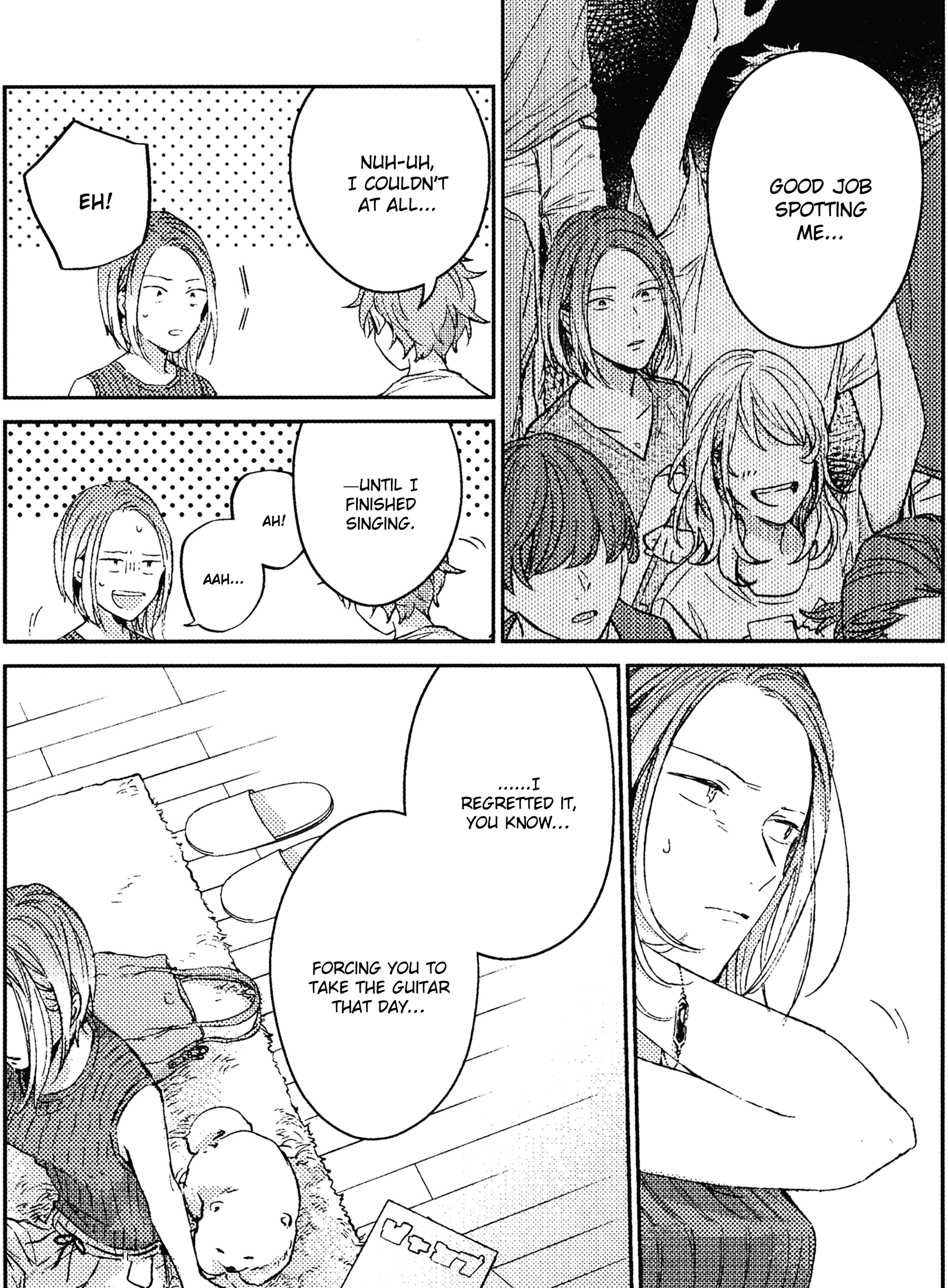

step
pant
pant
Oh!
Did the fever go down?
sway..
sway..
...'feels like it has gone down...

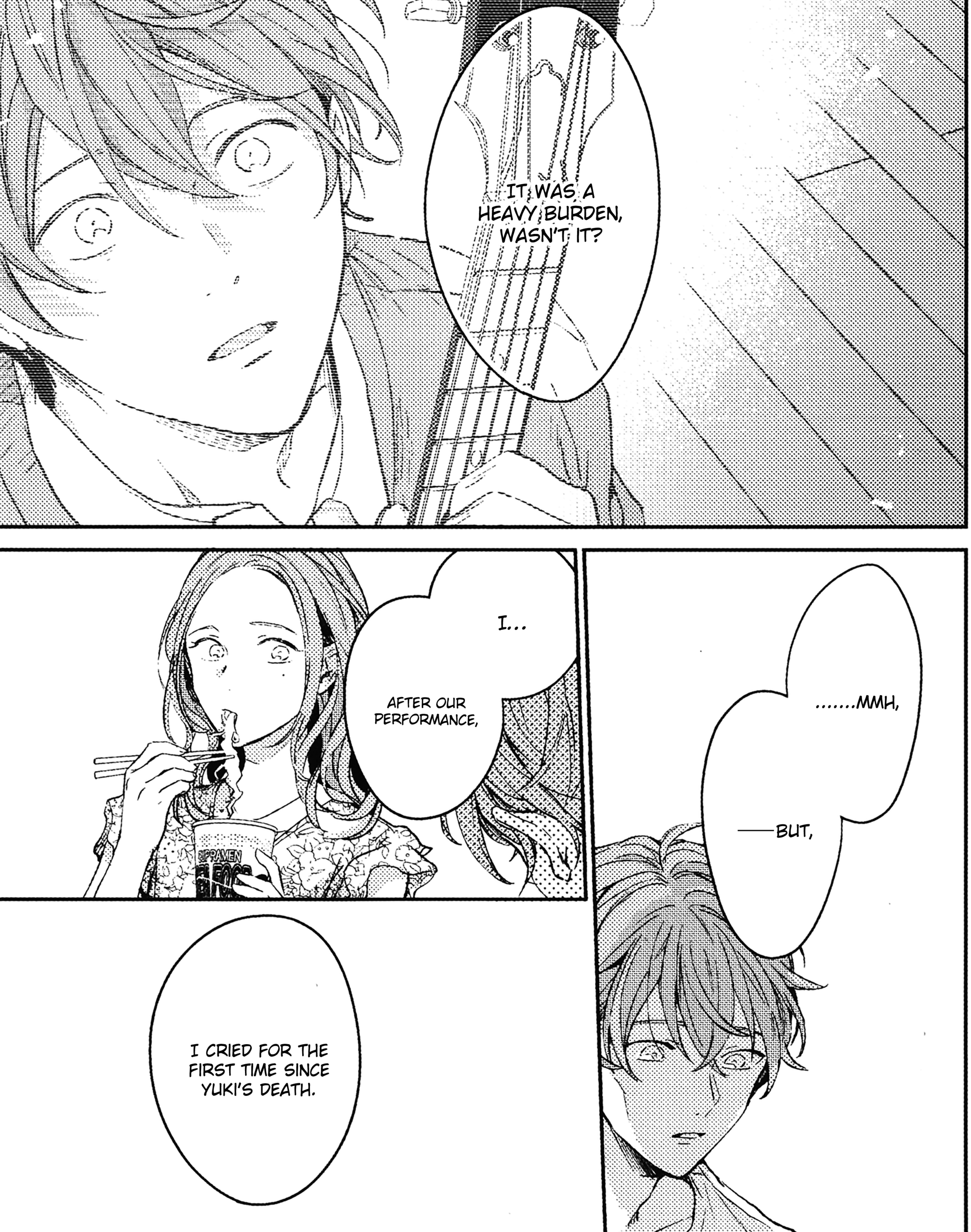

AH,
GOOD MORNING!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MAFUYU.
!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU GUYS~
Saeko-chan brought medicine~
pant
pant
....
MASHIRO-CHAN, MAKE HIM SOME CONGEE*, WON'T YOU!
E—H?! CONGEE— HOW DO I MAKE IT?

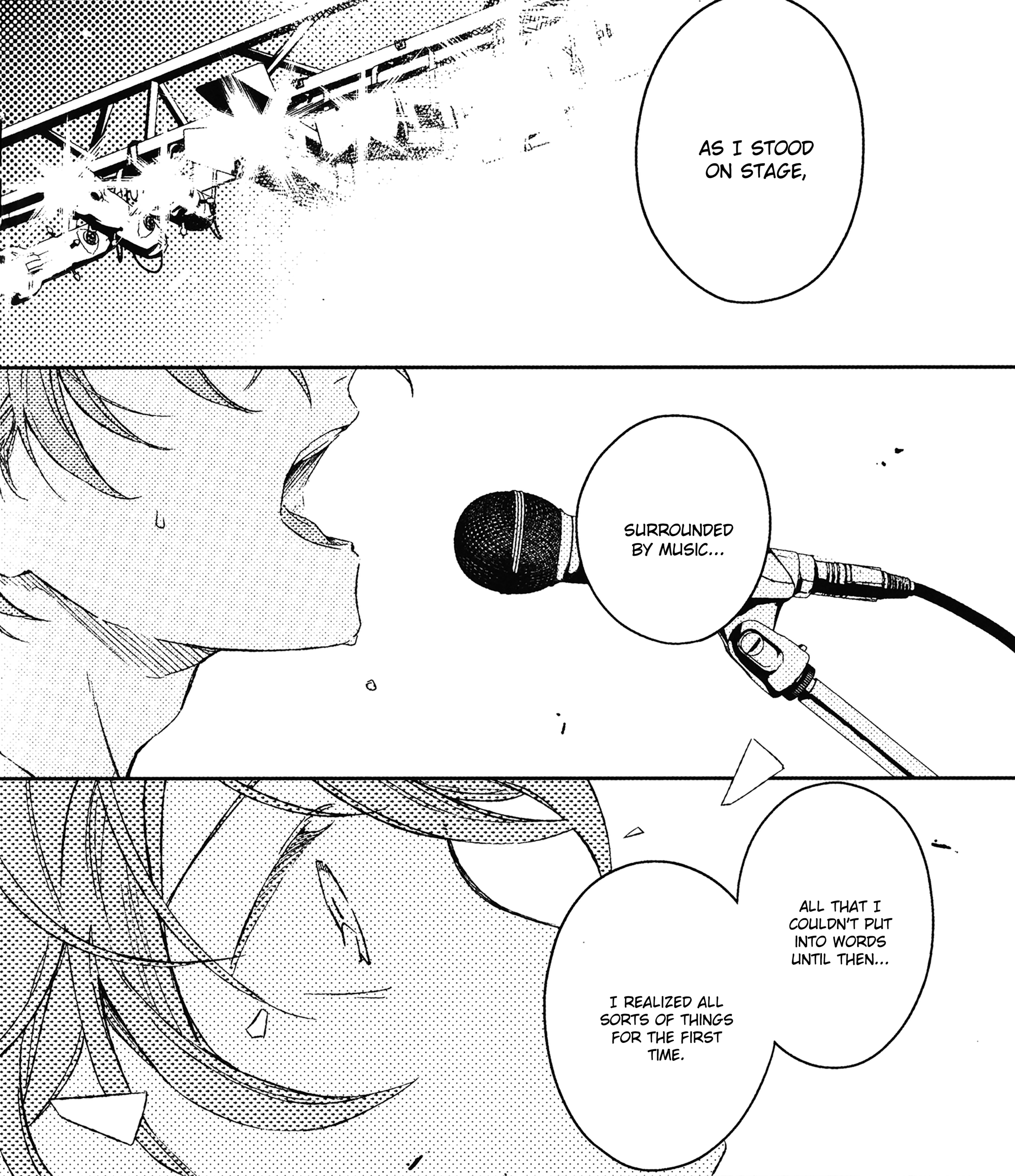
*T/N: PORRIDGE/THIN SOUP MADE WITH RICE. IT'S BENEFICIAL FOR PEOPLE WITH WEAK DIGESTION DUE TO A POOR DIET OR ILLNESS.

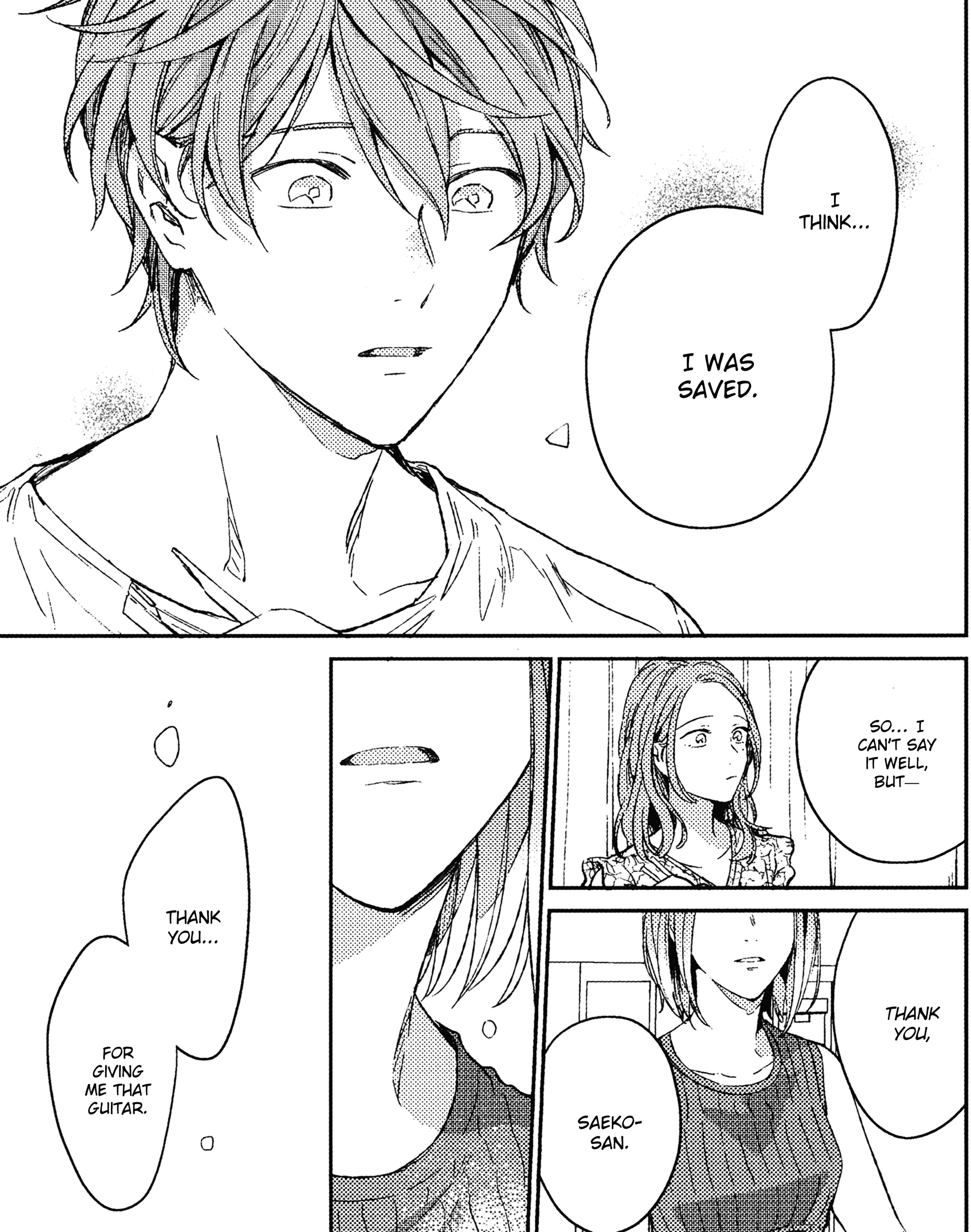

TA DA!!
CUP RAMEN
I SAID CONGEE. WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT OUT CUP RAMEN?!
We had exactly three on hand!
THAT PART OF YOU—!
Slurp
Eeeeh?!
mmm munch
gulp

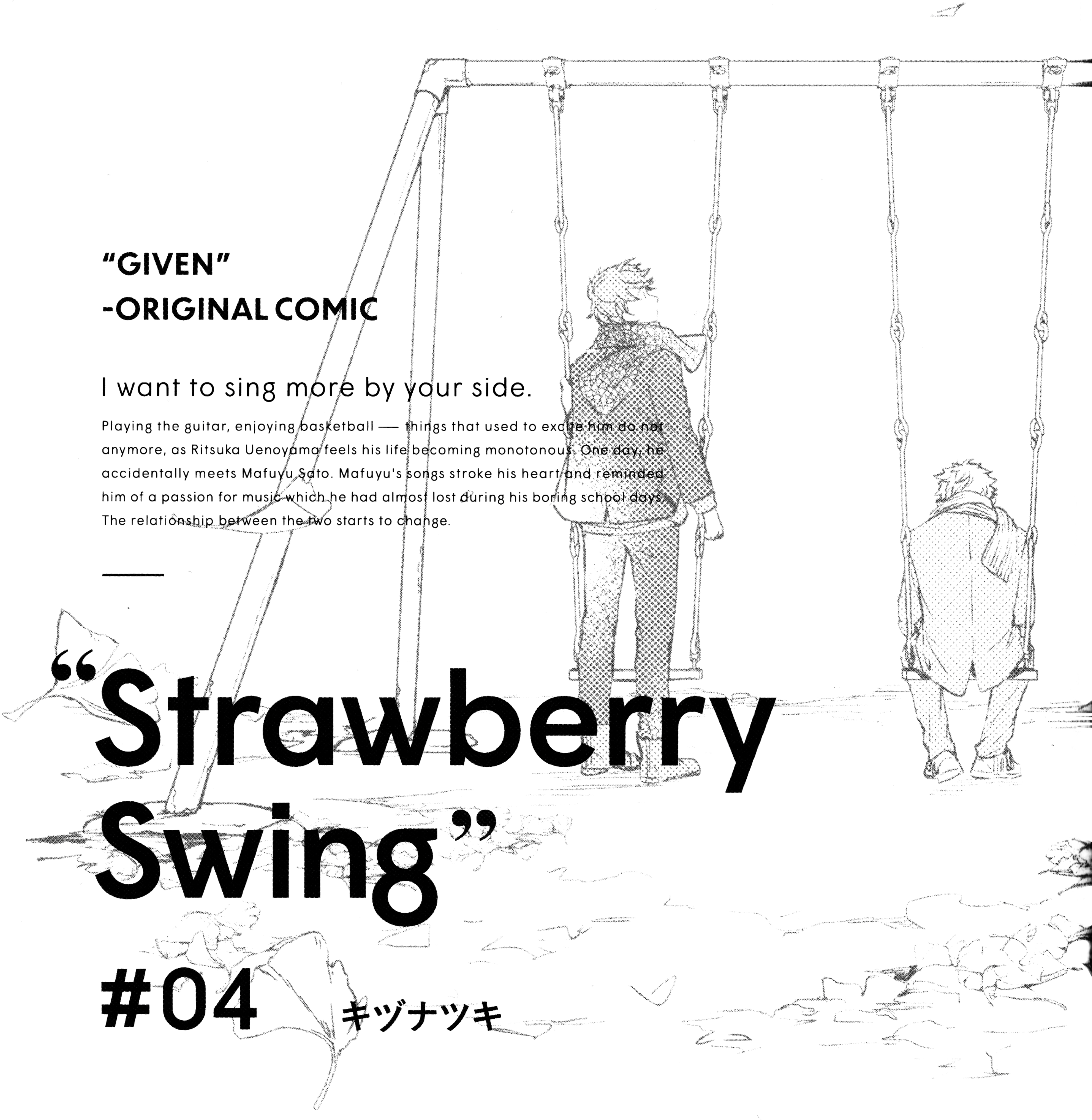

SAEKO-SAN.
MH,
YESTERDAY EVENING...
YOU CAME TO WATCH THE SHOW, RIGHT?
EH?
WHAT SHOW?!
....


GOOD JOB SPOTTING ME…
NUH-UH, I COULDN'T AT ALL…
EH!
—UNTIL I FINISHED SINGING.
AH!
AAH…
……I REGRETTED IT, YOU KNOW…
FORCING YOU TO TAKE THE GUITAR THAT DAY…


IT WAS A HEAVY BURDEN, WASN'T IT?
.......MMH,
——BUT,
I...
AFTER OUR PERFORMANCE,
I CRIED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE YUKI'S DEATH.


AS I STOOD ON STAGE,
SURROUNDED BY MUSIC...
ALL THAT I COULDN'T PUT INTO WORDS UNTIL THEN...
I REALIZED ALL SORTS OF THINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME.


I THINK...
I WAS SAVED.
SO... I CAN'T SAY IT WELL, BUT—
THANK YOU,
SAEKO-SAN.
THANK YOU...
FOR GIVING ME THAT GUITAR.



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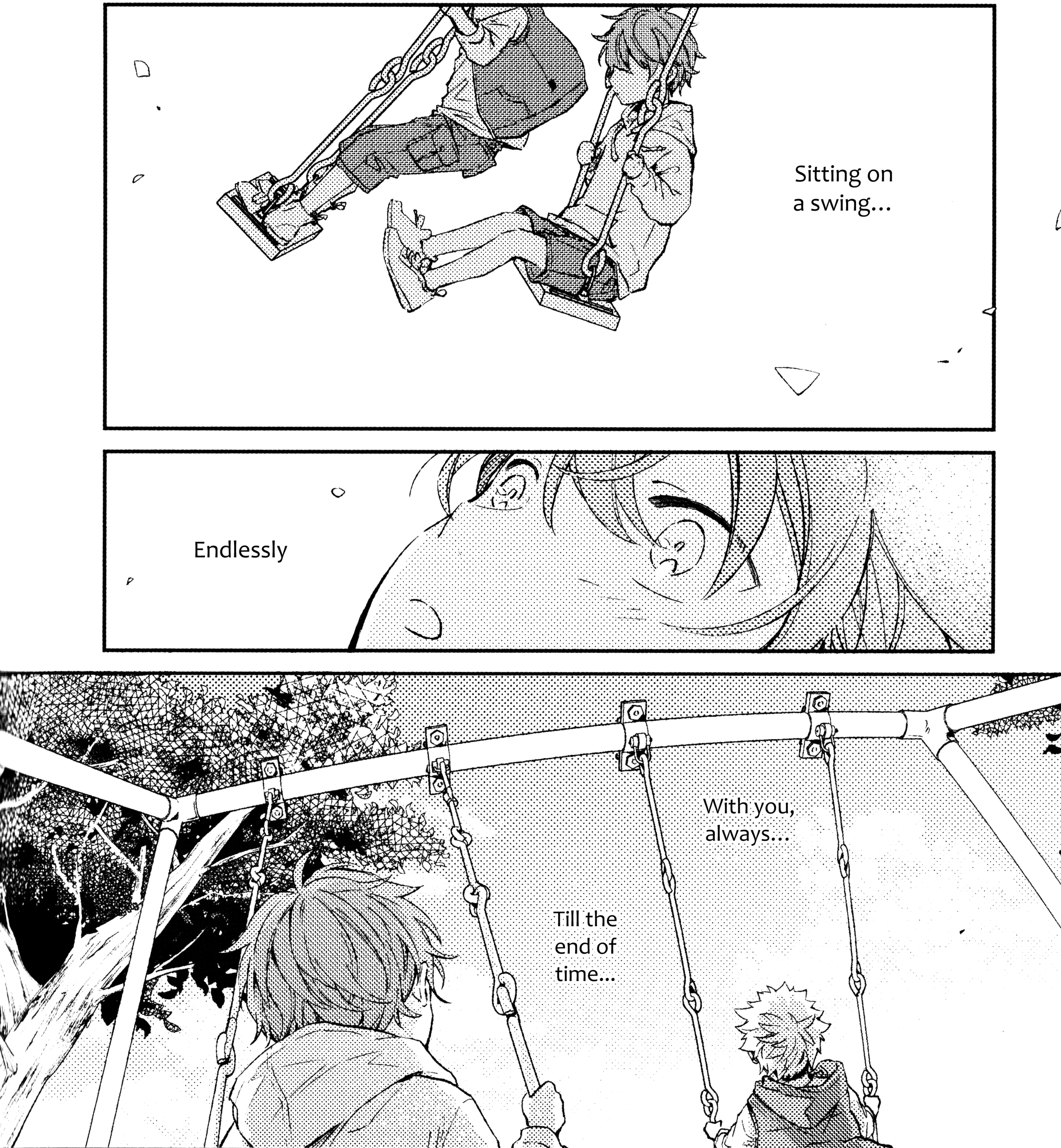
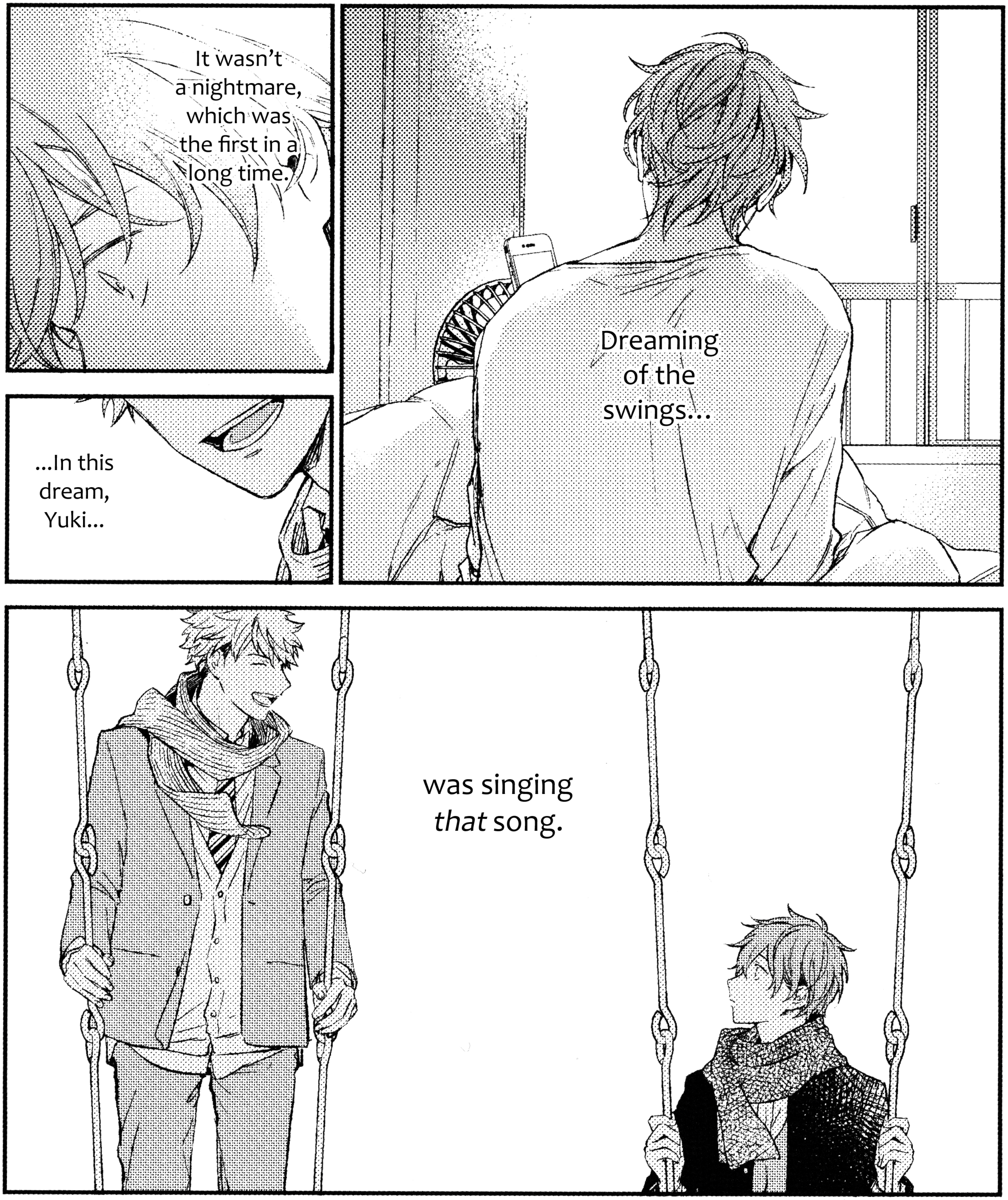
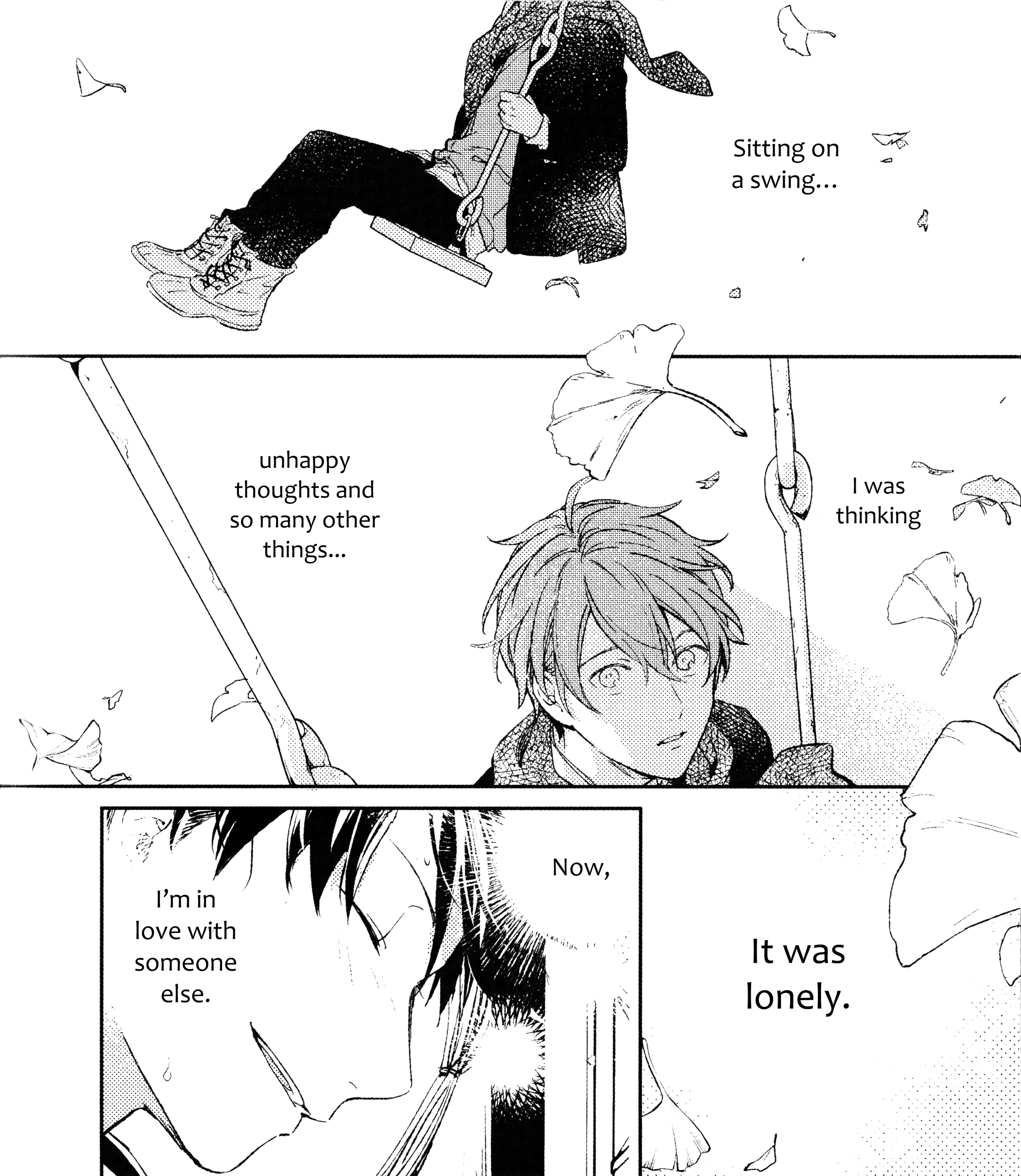
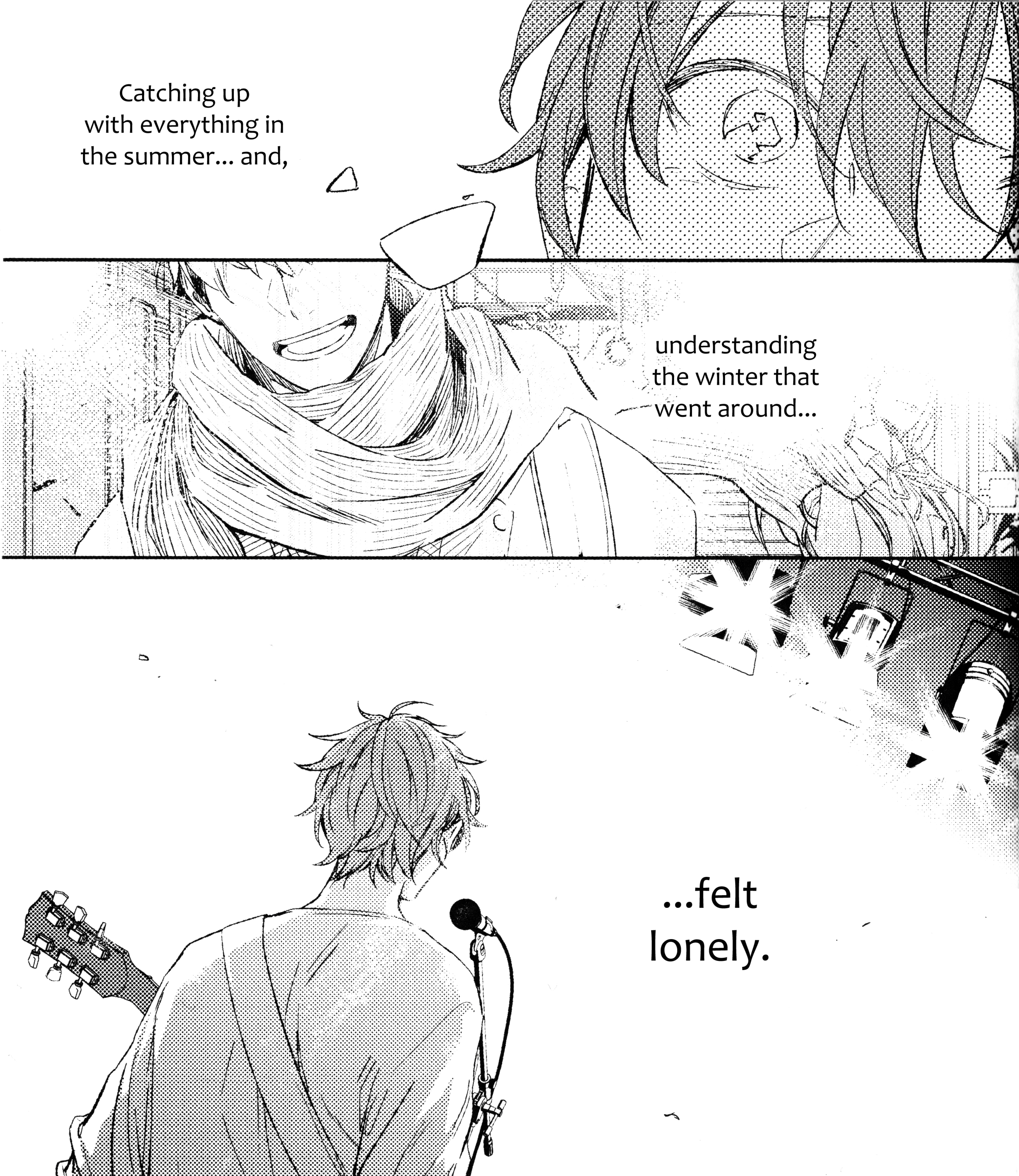
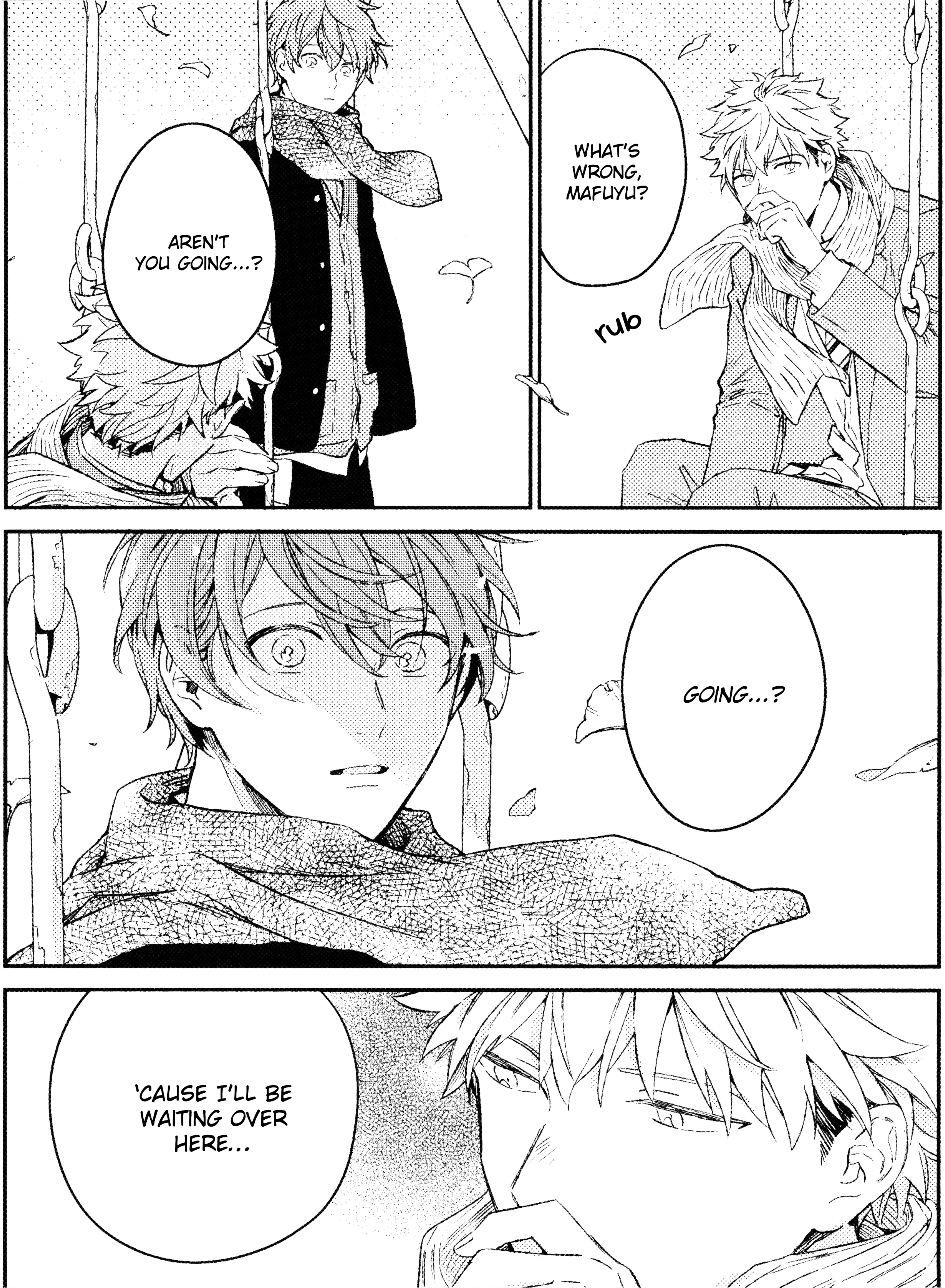

Sitting on a swing…
Endlessly
With you, always…
Till the end of time…

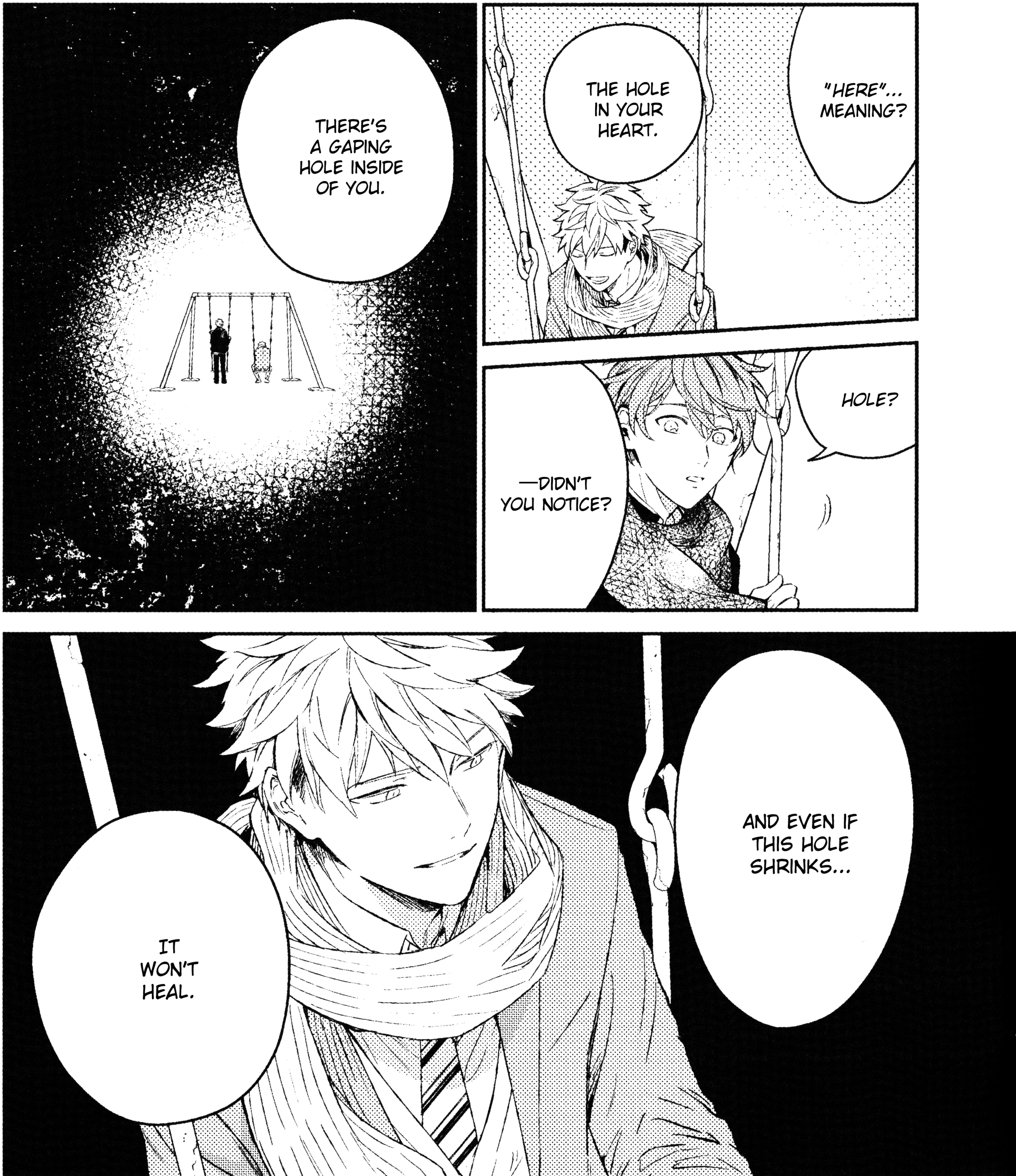

Dreaming of the swings…
It wasn't a nightmare, which was the first in a long time.
...In this dream, Yuki...
was singing *that* song.


Sitting on a swing...
I was thinking
unhappy thoughts and so many other things...
It was lonely.
Now,
I'm in love with someone else.


Catching up with everything in the summer... and,
understanding the winter that went around...
...felt lonely.

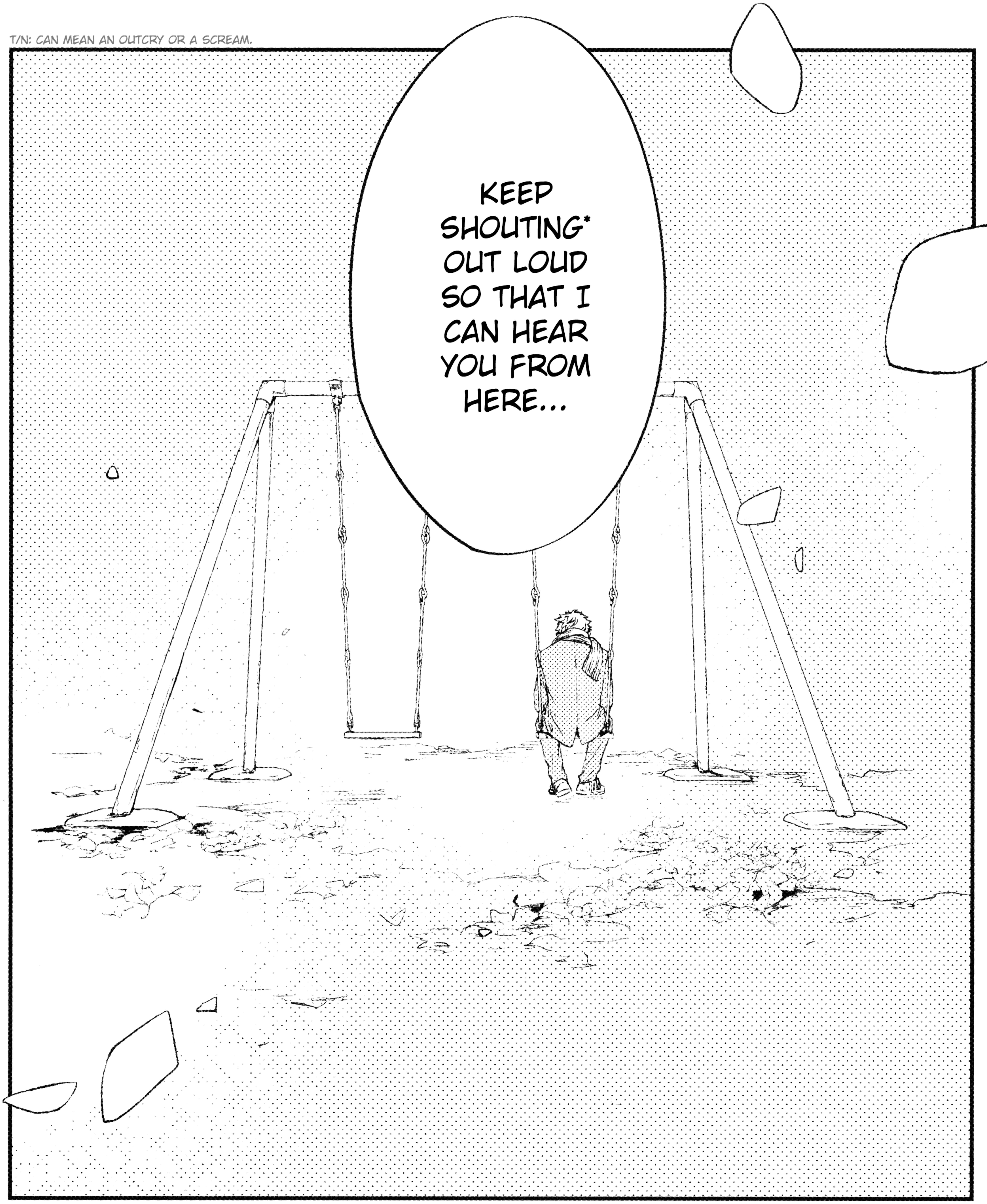
Achoo!


WHAT'S WRONG, MAFUYU?
rub
AREN'T YOU GOING...?
GOING...?
'CAUSE I'LL BE WAITING OVER HERE...


"HERE"... MEANING?
THE HOLE IN YOUR HEART.
HOLE?
—DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
THERE'S A GAPING HOLE INSIDE OF YOU.
AND EVEN IF THIS HOLE SHRINKS...
IT WON'T HEAL.

slowly
THAT'S WHY... FROM INSIDE OF THIS HOLE,
I'M LISTENING TO YOU SING, SO...

T/N: CAN MEAN AN OUTCRY OR A SCREAM.


KEEP SHOUTING* OUT LOUD SO THAT I CAN HEAR YOU FROM HERE...

FIN.

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